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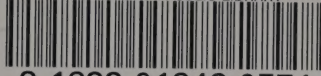
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TOWN OF CHINA

MAINE

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CHINA'S FIVE-ROOM SCHOOL BUILDING, BUILT IN 1948

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

January 31, 1954

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

CHINA

MAINE

FOR THE

Year Ending January 31

1954

THE AUGUSTA PRESS

AUGUSTA, MAINE

Town Clerk

MARY A. WASHBURN

Selectmen

MANLEY A. TIBBETTS, Chairman

GEORGE A. STARKEY

PHILIP N. TABER

Tax Collector and Treasurer

MARION L. BOYNTON

School Committee

JOHN BOYNTON

RUTH COLWELL

RACHAEL CUNNINGHAM

Superintendent of Schools

C. B. LORD

Road Commissioner

SAMUEL H. GRINDELL

Health Officer

MRS. AUDREY MOORE

Books Closed as of Jan. 31, 1954

ASSESSORS' REPORT

No. of Polls Taxed.....	321	
No. of Polls not taxed.....	48	
Rate of Taxation, \$64.00 per \$1,000		
Real Estate, resident.....	\$435,630.00	
Real Estate, non-resident.....	328,300.00	
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Total Real Estate.....		\$763,930.00
Personal Estate, resident.....	\$ 70,180.00	
Personal, non-resident.....	21,150.00	
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Total Personal Estate.....		\$ 91,330.00
Total Valuation.....		\$855,260.00

TAXABLE LIVE STOCK

	<i>No.</i>	<i>Value</i>
Horses.....	44	\$ 2,100.00
Bulls and Beef Cattle.....	38	1,700.00
Cows.....	510	25,500.00
Heifers, 2 years old.....	52	2,080.00
Sheep, over 35 in number.....	75	300.00
Heifers, 18 mos. to 2 years.....	76	2,280.00
Domestic Fowl, over 50 in no.	111,708	24,360.00
Swine, over 10 in number.....	6	60.00
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Total.....		\$58,380.00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

	<i>No.</i>	<i>Value</i>
Neat stock under 18 mos. old.....	448	\$ 8,640.00
Sheep to 35 in number.....	144	575.00
Swine to 10 in number.....	11	110.00
Domestic fowl, to 50 in number...	1040	705.00
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Total.....		\$10,030.00

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OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Boats.....	\$ 150.00
Stock in trade.....	15,225.00
Logs and Lumber.....	250.00
Tractors.....	3,040.00
Musical instruments.....	125.00
Radios.....	4,000.00
Portable mills and gas engines.....	600.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks.....	3,350.00
Machinery and Equipment.....	2,850.00
Other taxable property.....	3,360.00
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Total.....	\$32,950.00
Total taxable live stock and poultry ...	58,380.00
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Total taxable personal property...	\$91,330.00

Respectfully submitted,

MANLEY A. TIBBETTS
 GEORGE A. STARKEY
 PHILIP N. TABER

Assessors

DOGS LICENSED

	No.	Value
Males.....	108	\$ 97.20
Spayed Females.....	52	46.80
Females.....	31	151.90
Kennel.....	2	19.80
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Total.....		\$ 315.70

MARY A. WASHBURN

Town Clerk

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Cash on Hand Feb. 8, 1953.....	\$13,538.92
Cash received and deposited during year	87,785.49
Total Cash.....	101,324.41
Cash disbursed during year.....	92,834.40
Cash on Hand Jan. 30, 1954.....	\$ 8,490.01

Receipts

Taxes, 1953.....	\$52,683.26
Taxes 1952.....	384.72
Taxes, 1950.....	77.50
1953 Excise.....	4,652.97
1954 Excise.....	803.65
Supplemental Tax.....	675.50
Tax Liens.....	379.30
Earnings from Town Equipment.....	855.82
Costs and Interest.....	134.52
State of Maine — State Aid Road.....	474.51
State of Maine — Special Resolve.....	500.00
State of Maine — TRIF.....	1,945.98
Depositors Trust Co.....	9,000.00
State of Maine — Snow Removal.....	1,535.49
State of Maine — Bank Stock Tax....	122.16
State of Maine — Forest Fire Refund..	169.02
Town of Vassalboro — Salt.....	322.00
B. M. Clark Co. — Cletrac Tractor....	802.00
State of Maine — School Fund.....	11,099.45
Town of Palermo — Poor.....	46.00
State of Maine — Dog Tax Refund....	59.04
State of Maine — R.R. & Tel. Tax Refund.....	139.27
City of Hallowell.....	467.16
Trust Fund Interest.....	62.20

Maine Cancer Society	20.00	
Town of Palermo	200.00	
Other Miscellaneous Incomes	173.97	
		<hr/> \$87,785.49

Disbursed

State of Maine Welfare	\$ 331.23	
Trust Fund Interest	62.20	
Waterville Savings Bank	1,000.00	
Depositors Trust Co.	9,000.00	
County Tax Warrant	1,604.25	
State of Maine Retirement System....	675.95	
Internal Revenue	955.10	
Equipment Expense	1,108.61	
Kennebec Journal	13.50	
Waterville Sentinel	12.00	
Forest Fire Payroll	338.04	
Departmental Expenses	79,444.50	
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Total	\$94,545.38	
Deductions taken from Warrants	1,710.98	
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Total Expended		\$92,834.40

RECAPITULATION

March 2, 1953

Art. 13 Road from Northrup Place to Wm. Thomas'	\$ 500.00
Art. 14 Road from Bumps Corner to Fred Thurston's	500.00
Art. 15 Hanson Road	1,500.00
Art. 16 Weeks Mills Bridge	800.00
Art. 17 Town Highways and Bridges ..	5,000.00
Art. 19 Fire Departments	1,200.00
Art. 20 Palermo Fire Department	100.00
Art. 22 Common Schools	17,000.00

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Art. 23 Repairs and Insurance of Schools	2,000.00
Art. 24 Text Books and Supplies	1,500.00
Art. 25 Lunch Program	500.00
Art. 26 Support of Poor	1,200.00
Art. 28 High School Tuition	10,500.00
Art. 29 Memorial Day	60.00
Art. 30 Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00
Art. 31 State Aid Road	666.00
Art. 32 Interest on Indebtedness	350.00
Art. 33 Public Health	75.00
Art. 34 Serum for School Immuniza- tion	100.00
Art. 35 Advertising Natural Resources	50.00
Art. 37 Discharge of School Building Loan	5,000.00
Art. 39 Street Lights	440.00
Art. 40 Blinker Light	45.00
Art. 41 Sanding and Snow Removal	4,000.00
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	\$53,186.00

MARY A. WASHBURN

Town Clerk

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Paid

Marks Printing House, office supplies.. \$	111.06
Depositors Trust Co., check books	11.60
Depositors Trust Co., services as paying agent	6.75
W. W. Berry & Co., office supplies	3.30
Catherine Boivin, typing report	35.00
Loring, Short & Harmon, office supplies	15.34
Central Maine Power Co.	17.46
S. H. Grindell, wood for Town House	16.00

Augusta Press, printing Town Report..	286.00
George Reed, running town line.....	6.96
Wilfred Bouchard, running town line..	6.96
Winfield Martin, running town line....	14.00
Harrison Mutual Fire Insurance Co....	25.60
Mahlon Glidden, Bulldozing Dump....	73.75
Cecil Bradstreet, Bulldozing Dump....	20.00
Marion Boynton, office supplies.....	2.32
Bertha Manning, postage.....	64.44
Mary Washburn, statistics.....	35.85
Mansurs, office supplies.....	3.80
Edna Weeks, copy of deeds.....	36.00
Kennebec County Register of Deeds...	3.00
Hutchins Bros., office supplies.....	28.35
Maine Municipal Assoc.....	40.00
Dowe's Diner, meals for vagrants.....	1.17
Spearen Bros., office supplies.....	3.04
Lawrence Hall, janitor.....	16.00
W. B. Bailey Co., supplies.....	19.00
Francis Jones, postage.....	1.00
Marion L. Boynton, postage.....	87.63
Manley A. Tibbetts, expense for tele- phone and travel.....	75.00
George A. Starkey, expense for tele- phone and travel.....	35.00
Philip N. Taber, expense for telephone and travel.....	33.00
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Total Miscellaneous Expenses.....	\$ 1,134.38

TOWN OFFICERS

Audrey Moore, Health Officer, 1953-4. \$	20.00
C. B. Lord, Supt. of Schools.....	825.48
Francis H. Jones, Percentage of collec- tions.....	81.79

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Marion L. Boynton, Percentage of collections.....	1,402.15	
Leon Plaisted, Constable.....	10.50	
Wallace Jones, Constable.....	13.00	
Gladys Cook, Election Clerk.....	5.00	
Glennis Hall, Election Clerk.....	5.00	
Nellie Bumps, Ballot Clerk.....	5.00	
Lawrence Hall, Ballot Clerk.....	5.00	
Mary Washburn, Town Clerk.....	30.00	
John W. Boynton, School Committee..	15.00	
Ruth Colwell, School Committee.....	15.00	
Rachael Cunningham, School Committee.....	15.00	
Samuel Grindell, Road Commissioner..	400.00	
Cony N. Webber, Moderator	5.00	
Eben H. Johnson, Auditor 1953-4.....	175.00	
Manley A. Tibbetts, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor.....	425.00	
George A. Starkey, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor.....	360.00	
Philip N. Taber, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor.....	320.00	
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Total of Town Officers Account.....		\$ 4,132.92
		1,131.38
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Total Miscellaneous Expense		5,267.30
Total Miscellaneous Income.....		5,973.59
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Balance.....		\$ 706.29

OUTSTANDING LOAN FOR SCHOOL
BUILDING

Due Dr. George G. Averill, Bonds.....	\$ 9,000.00	
Paid Dr. George G. Averill.....	5,000.00	
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Balance due George G. Averill, Bonds.		\$ 4,000.00

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STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation.....	\$	440.00	
Paid Central Maine Power Co.....		439.20	
Balance.....	\$.80

BLINKER LIGHTS

Appropriation.....	\$	45.00	
Paid Central Maine Power Co.....		44.04	
Balance.....	\$.96

STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Balance at beginning of year.....	\$	50.80	
Received from Teachers Payrolls.....		625.15	
Total.....		675.95	
Paid Treasurer of State of Maine.....		675.95	

WITHHOLDING TAX

Balance at beginning of year.....	\$	93.45	
Deductions from payrolls.....		980.55	
Total.....		1,074.00	
Paid Collector of Internal Revenue....		955.10	
Balance due Collector of Internal Revenue.....	\$		118.90

OUTSTANDING LOAN, OSHKOSH TRUCK
AND ROSS PLOW

Due Waterville Savings Bank.....	\$	1,000.00	
Paid Waterville Savings Bank.....			\$ 1,000.00

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COUNTY TAX ACCOUNT

County Tax Warrant.....	\$ 1,604.25	
Paid County Treasurer.....		\$ 1,604.25

STATE TAX ACCOUNT

State Tax Warrant.....	\$ 7,506.86
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CHINA, SOUTH CHINA AND WEEKS MILLS FIRE DEPT

Appropriation.....	\$ 1,200.00	
Expended.....		\$ 1,200.00

PALERMO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation.....	\$ 100.00	
Expended.....		\$ 100.00

TOWN POOR

Appropriation.....	\$ 1,200.00	
Cash received.....	28.16	
Total.....	\$ 1,228.16	
Expended.....	1,221.64	
Balance.....		\$ 6.52

STATE POOR

Expended.....	\$ 331.23	
Due from State of Maine.....		\$ 331.23

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS AND CITIES

Due from City of Hallowell.....	\$ 467.16	
Received from City of Hallowell.....		\$ 467.16

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MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation.....	\$	60.00
Paid Boynton-Webber Post....	\$30.00	
Paid Washburn-Brann-Ward Post	30.00	
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Total Expended.....	\$	60.00

SERUM FOR SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Appropriation.....	\$	100.00
Expended.....		23.83
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Balance.....	\$	76.17

INTEREST ON INDEBTEDNESS

Appropriation.....	\$	350.00
Expended.....		341.98
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Balance.....	\$	8.02

ADVERTISING NATURAL RESOURCES

Appropriation.....	\$	50.00
Expended.....	\$	50.00

STATE AID FUND

Balance February 8, 1953.....	\$	648.47
Appropriation by Town.....		1,332.00
Appropriation by State of Maine.....		2,064.60
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Total Funds Available.....	\$	4,045.07
Expended by State.....		3,331.81
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Balance, January 30, 1954.....	\$	713.26

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TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds and Accumulated Interest.	\$ 2,612.17
Funds and Interest Accumulated in 1953.....	266.83
Total Trust Funds.....	\$ 2,879.00

Expended

Franklin H. Putnam Fund.....	\$ 7.59
Mary E. Packard Fund.....	5.02
E. C. Webber Fund.....	4.02
W. R. and A. Webber Fund.....	7.73
J. Clark Fund.....	2.51
Norris H. Clark Fund.....	2.51
Upham Fund.....	2.51
Charles E. Jackson Fund.....	2.51
E. Haskell Fund.....	2.53
F. Sproul Fund.....	2.61
E. R. Webber Fund.....	2.56
Jepson Fund.....	2.51
Cook Fund.....	5.02
Dinsmore, I. P. Fund.....	12.57
Total Expended.....	\$ 62.20
Funds in hands of Selectmen Jan. 30, 1954.....	\$ 2,816.80

TOWN EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Town Equipment Earnings

Oshkosh Truck Earnings.....	\$ 696.75
Small Plows.....	154.35
Sanders.....	13.87
O. L. Kitchen.....	25.95
Roscoe Pelton.....	10.20
Total.....	\$ 901.12

Town Equipment Expense

Repairs.....	\$ 146.57
Gas and Oil.....	164.27
Batteries.....	48.16
Plow Parts.....	424.86
Insurance.....	180.25
Labor.....	8.70
Pump for small plow.....	133.70
Lumber.....	2.10
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Total Expenses.....	\$ 1,108.61
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Expenditures more than Earnings	\$ 207.49

SAND AND SNOW REMOVAL PAYROLL

Austin, Charles.....	\$ 10.88
Austin, Ivan.....	22.50
Brooks, Harry.....	11.31
Dinsmore Grain Co.....	8.93
Cooper, W. W.....	91.20
Crommett, Leslie.....	6.53
Ferguson, Geo.....	20.88
Glidden, Mahlon.....	26.25
Grindell, Samuel.....	44.66
Hall, Lawrence.....	290.34
Haskell, Guy.....	49.60
Ingraham, Kenneth.....	31.18
Lanpher, Carroll.....	3.50
Lanpher, Robie.....	9.57
Lowe, Charles.....	150.53
Maine Central R.R. Co.....	408.00
Nelson, Manley.....	15.98
Reed, George.....	31.71
Reynolds, Elisha.....	2.18
Safarick, Robert.....	40.56
Shurtleff, W. H.....	432.00

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State of Maine.....	765.20	
Starkey, George.....	121.38	
Starkey, Richard.....	38.72	
Stowe, Earl.....	204.01	
Stowe, Cecil.....	131.99	
Stowe, Fred.....	20.02	
Tibbetts, Manley	26.54	
Tobey, Elwood.....	1,082.33	
Tobey, Kempton.....	922.36	
Town of China.....	753.02	
Tyler, A. G.....	19.58	
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Total Payroll.....		\$ 5,793.44
Appropriation.....	\$ 4,000.00	
Received from State of Maine.....	1,535.49	
Received from Town of Vassalboro.....	322.00	
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Total Received.....		\$ 5,857.49
Total Expended.....		5,793.44
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Balance.....		\$ 64.05

TOWN HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Bailey, W. B. Co.....	\$ 1.95
Bailey, Irving.....	48.76
Bancroft & Martin, culverts.....	306.36
Banton, Walter, Planks.....	71.32
Coombs Garage, repairs.....	32.29
Cooper, Walter, equipment & gravel...	1,107.98
Crommett, Leslie.....	166.17
Erskine Academy, gravel.....	5.50
Farris, Archie.....	19.14
Farris, Merlon.....	51.37
Gooldrup, Arthur.....	16.25
Grindell, S. H.....	522.50
Hall, Lawrence.....	381.90

Haskell, Guy, gravel.....	14.60	
Ingraham, Kenneth.....	49.92	
Jones, Wallace.....	31.32	
Lanpher, Robie.....	13.92	
Lee Bros., culverts.....	299.50	
Lowe, Charles.....	129.63	
Pelton, Roscoe, grader.....	655.05	
Percy, Carl.....	3.48	
Reed, George.....	91.28	
Reed, L. S.....	43.68	
Safarick, Robert.....	49.92	
Shurtleff, W. H., Calcium chloride....	75.10	
Stowe, Earl.....	59.16	
Tobey, Elwood.....	409.02	
Tobey, James.....	40.02	
Tobey, J. Kempton.....	304.70	
Thurston, Fred.....	66.75	
Thomas, William, gravel.....	760.90	
Ward, Harold, pipe.....	5.00	
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Total Expended.....		\$ 5,834.44
Appropriation.....	\$ 5,000.00	
Due from State of Maine Flood Relief.	860.00	
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Total Money Available.....		\$ 5,860.00
Total Expended.....		5,834.44
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Balance.....		\$ 25.56

BUMP'S CORNER TO FRED THURSTON

Cooper, Walter, shovel.....	\$ 169.18
Grindell, S. H.....	16.25
Hall, Lawrence.....	11.21
Lanpher, Robie.....	11.21
Lee Bros, Bulldozer.....	120.00
Lowe, Charles.....	11.21

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Pelton, Roscoe.....	49.70	
Reed, George.....	29.25	
Safarick, Robert.....	40.56	
Thomas, William, gravel.....	39.20	
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Total Expended.....	\$ 497.77	
Appropriation.....	500.00	
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Balance.....	\$	2.23

PARMENTER HILL

Cooper, Walter, shovel.....	\$ 87.71	
Grindell, S.H.....	8.75	
Hall, Lawrence.....	13.05	
Lanpher, Robie.....	6.09	
Lee Bros., Bulldozer & Culverts.....	255.66	
Lowe, Charles.....	20.01	
Pelton, Roscoe, grader.....	31.95	
Reed, George.....	15.75	
Safarick, Robert.....	21.84	
Tobey, Kempton.....	10.92	
Thomas, William.....	27.00	
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Total Expended.....	\$ 498.73	
Appropriation.....	500.00	
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Balance.....	\$	1.27

TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND

Cooper, W. W.....	\$ 14.25	
Grindell, S. H.....	249.58	
Hall, Lawrence.....	96.57	
Haskell, Wellman.....	102.96	
Jones, Alfred.....	102.96	
Ladd, Owen.....	7.40	

Lanpher, Robie.....	76.13
Lee Bros.....	208.63
Pelton, Roscoe.....	251.68
Philbrick, William.....	796.25
Reed, George.....	196.88
Safarick, Robert.....	336.40
State Highway Comm.....	808.50
Starkey, George.....	25.53
Stowe, Earl.....	89.61
Thurston, Fred.....	3.48
Tibbetts, M. A.....	3.48
Tobey, Elwood.....	327.45
Tobey, Gerald.....	102.96
Tobey, J. Kempton.....	231.75
Toomey, George.....	93.53
Town of China.....	76.85

Total Expended.....	\$ 4,202.83
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Due from State.....	4,204.23
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Balance.....	\$	1.40
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WEEKS MILLS BRIDGE

Bancroft & Martin, culverts.....	\$ 609.24
Cooper, Walter, shovel.....	50.32
Grindell, S. H.....	15.00
Hall, Lawrence.....	33.93
Haskell, Guy O., gravel.....	13.20
Lanpher, Robie.....	6.09
Lowe, Charles.....	17.30
Plummer, S. C.....	3.00
Reed, George.....	\$ 21.84
Reed, L. S.....	15.75
Tibbetts, Manley.....	6.24
Tyler, A. G.....	6.96

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Expended.....	\$	798.87	
Appropriation.....		800.00	
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Unexpended Balance.....	\$		1.13

HANSON ROAD

Bancroft & Martin, culverts.....	\$	90.55	
Cooper, Walter, shovel.....		336.30	
Crommett, Leslie.....		63.51	
Dowe, E. R., supplies.....		2.62	
Glidden, Mahlon, Bulldozer.....		160.00	
Grindell, S. H.....		76.25	
Hall, Lawrence.....		107.88	
Ingraham, Kenneth G.....		49.92	
Lanpher, Robie.....		13.92	
Lee Bros., culverts.....		103.15	
Lowe, Charles.....		22.62	
Ludwig, Earl, gravel.....		16.00	
Pelton, Roscoe, grader.....		93.00	
Proctor & Bowie, dynamite & caps.....		31.49	
Reed, George.....		46.80	
Reed, L. S.....		36.00	
Stowe, Earl.....		13.92	
Tobey, Elwood.....		82.48	
Tobey, James R.....		13.92	
Tobey, J. Kempton.....		119.16	
Tyler, A. G.....		13.92	
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Expended.....	\$	1,493.41	
Appropriation.....		1,500.00	
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Balance.....	\$		6.59

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1953 Commitment.....	\$55,699.64	
Supplemental Tax.....	675.50	
1953 and 1954 Excise Tax.....	5,516.60	
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COLLECTOR'S CREDITS

Cash to Treasurer.....	\$58,875.36	
To Tax Liens.....	742.40	
Abated, January 30, 1954.....	53.60	
Uncollected, January 30, 1954.....	2,220.38	
	<hr/>	\$61,891.74

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Collected after January 31.....		\$ 1,183.16
Uncollected 1953.....		
I. W. Austin.....	\$	125.66
Arthur Bourque.....		3.20
Annette Brown.....		28.40
Russell Bruns.....		45.76
Merle Clifford.....		3.20
Roland Dumont.....		31.20
Edward Ferguson.....		3.00
Arthur Gilbert.....		6.40
Louis Giroux.....		3.84
A. J. Hawes.....		16.00
Richard Hughes.....		28.80
Arvid Lancaster.....		38.40
Dorothy Lancaster.....		32.00
John McKeil.....		.96
D. L. McPherson.....		43.20
W. H. Miller.....		14.20
H. P. Mosher.....		8.44

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Leo Morneau.....	6.40
Lloyd Powers.....	3.20
George Rackliff.....	4.16
George Reed.....	4.28
L. S. Reed.....	252.80
Richard Roderique.....	6.40
Florence Ross.....	22.40
George Stevens.....	3.00
Merle Stevens.....	.96
Lester Schulte.....	3.00
Philip Severson.....	28.80
Merle Severance.....	6.40
Laura Smith.....	25.60
Guy Tobey.....	64.00
Conrad Vigue.....	38.40
Leon Ward.....	1.20
Wyman Webber.....	125.24
Alfred Wentworth.....	.96
C. A. Wentworth.....	.96
Ben York.....	6.40

\$ 1,037.22

SCHEDULE OF 1953 LIENS

John & Joyce Allen.....	\$ 25.60
Carl Andrews.....	35.20
Marie A. Berube.....	3.20
Sylvia Bussell.....	25.60
Raymond N. Conklin.....	19.20
Elaine A. Dostie.....	89.60
Edward Ferguson.....	9.60
Everett Freeman.....	6.40
Arthur Gilbert.....	38.40
Melvin Gurney.....	25.60
Donald Loder.....	3.20
J. H. Machon.....	4.80
*D. L. McPherson.....	76.80

*E. E. McCrealey Heirs	4.80
W. H. Miller	67.20
*Winnefred Murphy	3.20
*Wilfred Patnaude	4.80
Frank Pelletier	12.80
Paul Poirier	3.20
Paul J. Poulin	3.20
James Powers	44.80
Stanley & Ruth Pullen	3.20
*Wm. Quirion	3.20
George Rackliff	25.60
**Margaret Reed	51.20
G. W. Reynolds Heirs	19.20
*Margaret Simmonds	4.80
*Ethel T. Smith	16.00
H. T. Wheeler	64.00
C. A. Wentworth	19.20
Cony Witham	28.80

\$ 742.40

1952 *Uncollected*

*Hazel Bailey	\$ 46.50
*Daniel McPherson	113.77
*W. G. Harrington	12.40
*Florence Millidge	6.20
*Winifred Murphy	3.10
*E. E. McGreeley Heirs	4.65
*Wilfred Patnaude	4.65
*William Quirion	3.10
*Margaret Simmonds	4.65
*Ethel Smith	15.50
Irving Bailey	3.96
William Fitzherbert	3.00
A. W. Haskell	3.00
Florence Ross	32.55
Frank Pelletier	12.40

\$ 269.43

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1952 *Liens*

Leo Busque.....	\$ 3.10
Melvin Gurney.....	24.80
Paul Poulin.....	3.10

\$ 31.00
1951 *Uncollected*

*W. G. Harrington.....	\$ 13.20
*Florence Millidge.....	6.60
*W. P. Murphy.....	3.30
*William Quirion.....	3.30
*Ethel Smith.....	16.50
Saul Turgeon Heirs.....	13.20
*Hazel Bailey.....	49.50
J. C. Berry.....	36.66
W. E. Ward.....	9.60
Alfred Wentworth.....	.99
C. A. Wentworth.....	20.79

\$ 173.64
1951 *Liens*

Wilfred Patnaude.....	\$ 4.95
Stanley and Ruth Pullen.....	3.30
Margaret Simmonds.....	4.95

\$ 13.20
1950 *Uncollected*

*W. G. Harrington.....	\$ 12.40
Daniel McPherson.....	66.65
Robert McPherson.....	9.20
*W. P. Murphy.....	3.10
*Ethel Smith.....	15.50
W. E. Ward.....	9.20

\$ 116.05

1950 *Liens*

Hazel Bailey	\$ 46.50
Daniel McPherson	74.40
E. E. McCreeley Heirs	4.65
Florence Millidge	6.20
Wilfred Patnaude	4.65
William Quirion	3.10
Margaret Simmonds	4.65

\$ 144.15
1949 *Uncollected*

Lucien Pelletier	\$ 9.15
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1949 *Liens*

Hazel Bailey	\$ 35.45
W. H. Harrington Estate	12.20
Florence Millidge	6.10
W. P. Murphy	3.05
William Quirion	3.05
Ethel Smith	15.25

\$ 75.10
1948 *Liens*

Carl Andrews	\$ 31.00
W. H. Harrington Estate	12.40
W. P. Murphy	2.17
McCarron and Morin	3.10
Lucien Pelletier	9.30
Ethel Smith	15.50

\$ 73.47
1947 *Liens*

Lucien Pelletier	\$ 8.10
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1946 *Uncollected*

Henry Bradley Heirs	\$ 2.60
W. S. Bradley Heirs	5.20

\$ 7.80

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1945 *Liens*

Henry Bradley Heirs	\$	2.10
W. S. Bradley Heirs		4.20

 \$ 6.30
1944 *Uncollected*

*Wilfred LaPointe	\$	3.15
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1944 *Liens*

Henry Bradley Heirs	\$	2.10
W. S. Bradley Heirs		4.20

 \$ 6.30
1943 *Uncollected*

Carl Tufts	\$	10.00
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1943 *Liens*

Wilfred LaPointe	\$	3.00
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1942 *Liens*

Wilfred LaPointe	\$	3.00
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1941 *Liens*

Carl Tufts	\$	10.00
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*Uncollected because Town Holds Matured Tax Liens.

**Collected after books closed.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE — 1953-54

This year we had but one change in our teaching staff. Mrs. Vera Wentworth accepted the position teaching the first grade.

The committee asked for bids on three bus routes in the lower end of town. As there were only two complete bids sent in, Robert Buzzell of Benton was hired as the lowest bidder. The understanding was that he should purchase three new busses which he has done. Also he has hired three very capable and efficient drivers from town.

Because of limited funds, few repairs have been made this year. The two west rooms were painted and some of the desks were refinished.

As there are nearly fifty new pupils entering school next fall, additional rooms are necessary. Much credit is due to the Fact Finding Committee for all the effort they have made in trying to get the lowest estimate of construction.

Budget recommendations for the coming year are:

Common Schools	\$19,000.00
Text books and Supplies	1,500.00
Repairs and Insurance	2,500.00
Free High School	12,000.00

Calendar of school year for 1954-55:

School in Session

Sept. 7 — Dec. 17, 1954

Dec. 27, 1954 — Feb. 18, 1955

Feb. 28, 1955 — April 15, 1955

April 25, 1955 — June 3, 1955

School not in Session

Thanksgiving Day and day following.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. BOYNTON

RUTH E. COLWELL

RACHEL M. CUNNINGHAM

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of China, I herewith submit my thirtieth annual report:

There are ten more pupils in the elementary school than at this time last year, a total of 231, of which 46 are in room one, 49 in room two, 40 in room three, 50 in room four, and 45 in room five. Since thirty pupils to a room should be the maximum number, it is evident that more rooms are needed at once. Further recommendation on this subject will be found in the report of the Survey Committee.

Of the five elementary teachers, Mrs. Vera Wentworth in grade one is the only one who has not taught here previously. She is a normal school graduate with twenty-five years teaching experience.

High school tuition bills indicate that there have been fifty-three pupils from this town at Erskine this year; also four at Coburn and one at Cony. The present arrangement of allowing pupils to select their high school appears to be satisfactory, although possibly somewhat more expensive.

Three new school buses were put on the conveyance routes this year, so that all routes now have good equipment. Severe weather has caused the loss of some trips, but when it is found necessary to close the school the time will be made up.

To obtain and hold good teachers should be the objective of all who are interested in the schools. This can only be done by making the positions attractive in every way, but particularly financially. Teachers must think of their own welfare to a certain extent and will naturally go where they can get the best salaries. The supply of teachers, so I have been told on good authority, is not as great as last year, and last year it was very limited. I hope that every inducement will be offered to retain as many of the present staff as possible.

The school financial report shows that it has cost approximately \$7000 more this year than last to maintain the schools. This nationwide trend of increased cost of schools has not reached its

peak, so we, as citizens and taxpayers, must reconcile ourselves to paying for the better schools we are now demanding.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL B. LORD,
Superintendent

COMMON SCHOOLS ACCOUNT

Balance Brought Forward.....	\$ 2,459.81	
Appropriation.....	17,000.00	
State of Maine.....	8,233.04	
Town of Palermo.....	200.00	
Edna Weeks.....	18.38	
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		\$27,911.23
Expended:		
Teaching.....	\$13,095.29	
Janitors.....	805.44	
Conveyance.....	12,403.02	
Fuel.....	1,190.04	
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Total Expended.....		27,493.79
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Balance.....		\$ 417.44

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Balance Brought Forward.....	\$ 159.09	
Appropriation.....	1,500.00	
Francis Jacob.....	7.58	
State of Maine.....	300.00	
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		\$ 1,966.67
Expended.....		1,926.84
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Balance.....		\$ 39.83

REPAIRS AND INSURANCE

Balance Brought Forward.....	\$ 197.68	
Appropriation.....	2,000.00	
		\$ 2,197.68
Expended.....		2,045.13
Balance.....		\$ 152.55

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Appropriation.....	\$10,500.00	
State of Maine.....	2,566.41	
Total.....		\$13,066.41
Expended.....		\$13,066.41

SCHOOL LUNCH

Appropriation.....	\$ 500.00	
Expended.....		\$ 500.00

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

Common Schools Teaching

Erlena Bartlett.....	\$ 2,277.65
Ethel Brann.....	64.00
Edna Crowley.....	84.00
Emily Dillenbeck.....	10.50
A. M. Drummond & Co.....	25.65
Erskine Academy.....	150.00
Joyce Hopkins.....	1,127.00
Leona LePage.....	60.00
Louvenia Martin.....	7.00
Freda Masse.....	600.00
Clara Sedgley.....	3.50
Lois Sharp.....	21.00

Ronald Susee.....	3,241.60
Silver Burdett Co.....	7.99
Town of Winslow.....	131.60
Doris Wentworth.....	2,165.60
Vera Wentworth.....	916.60
Eileen Williams.....	2,201.60

Total.....	\$13,095.29
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Common Schools Janitors

Ben Dodge.....	\$ 60.00
Florence Dodge.....	240.00
Ida Halloway.....	60.00
Clyde Tuttle.....	445.44

\$ 805.44

Common Schools Conveyance

Herman Brown.....	\$ 46.30
Robert E. Buzzell.....	5,000.00
Ben Dodge.....	3,115.50
Ruth Drake.....	3,705.00
Kennebec Journal.....	13.50
Howard Simpson.....	158.00
South China Sales.....	2.75
State of Maine.....	9.18
Town of Palermo.....	257.04
Clyde Tuttle.....	5.00
Washburn Co.....	75.75
Waterville Sentinel.....	15.00

\$12,403.02

Common Schools Fuel

Noyes Stoves Co.....	\$ 137.75
Dirigo Oil Co.....	1,052.29

\$ 1,190.04

Text Books and Supplies

American Book Co.....	\$ 7.02
W. B. Bailey Co.....	26.33
Beckley Cardy Co.....	6.51
C. C. Birchard & Co.....	141.90
Boston Music Co.....	6.62
M. F. Bragdon Paint Co.....	27.55
Milton Bradley Co.....	3.23
Cascade Paper Co.....	5.01
Central Maine Power Co.....	266.61
China Telephone Co.....	8.56
Congdon Transportation.....	.75
Fox & Ginn Co.....	61.23
Ginn & Co.....	231.68
Gledhill Bros.....	422.53
A. J. Grondin Co.....	24.00
J. L. Hammett Co.....	74.58
D. C. Heath & Co.....	6.06
Houghton Mifflin Co.....	34.67
H. S. Kinsman Co.....	14.64
Laidlaw Bros.....	47.37
A. W. Larsen Co.....	19.19
Loring, Short & Harmon.....	80.00
Lyons & Carnahan.....	12.26
MacMillan Co.....	12.65
Scott Foresman & Co.....	85.96
John Sexton Co.....	49.90
Silver Burdett Co.....	34.63
State of Maine.....	3.90
Lincoln S. Reed.....	1.18
Row Peterson & Co.....	105.71
Webster Publishing Co.....	16.56
Winslow Lunch Program.....	5.37
John C. Winston Co.....	65.48
World Book Co.....	17.20
Total.....	\$ 1,926.84

Repairs and Insurance

W. B. Arnold Co.....	\$ 46.30
W. B. Bailey Co.....	28.50
Branch Machine Shop.....	29.73
W. W. Cooper.....	98.00
R. H. Esancy.....	10.00
Fortin Hardware Co.....	14.47
Gledhill Bros	237.49
Grenier Flooring.....	72.00
Roy V. Grindle.....	190.96
Harrison Mutual Ins. Co.....	57.60
Hussey Hardware.....	6.62
A. W. Larsen.....	3.14
Loring, Short & Harmon.....	51.05
Arthur Mason.....	11.00
Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Co.....	72.00
George Reed.....	6.00
Rollins Dunham Co.....	11.00
George Thornhill.....	631.87
C. H. Vigue & Sons.....	86.00
Washburn Co.....	298.28
C. N. Webber.....	50.00
Westinghouse Co.....	33.12
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Total.....	\$ 2,045.13

Free High School

Augusta.....	\$ 204.99
Coburn.....	586.44
Erskine Academy.....	11,888.93
Oakland.....	254.71
Winslow.....	131.34
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Total.....	\$13,066.41

School Lunch

Elementary School Lunch.....	\$ 500.00
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REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

Group activities high-lighted the 1953 Public Health Program. Most of the 12 nursing days for China were spent in the following activities, with home visiting to those families referred with special problems:

There were 3 Child Health Conferences held with an average attendance of 31 infants and preschool children; 51 physical examinations were given; 18 children were vaccinated against smallpox and 28 protected against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus.

In the school, audiometer testing for hearing loss was done from the fourth grade through the eighth grade. Out of the 133 children tested, 34 showed hearing loss of varying degrees. In order to correct these conditions, parents are urged to seek medical advice so that possible deafness in later life may be avoided. Plans are in progress to advise and assist in cases where medical follow-up is not available.

The local health group sponsored tuberculin patch testing of all pupils with parental consent; 211 children were tested, with one child only showing a positive reaction. Both the child and its parents had chest x-rays with no finding of tuberculosis noted.

For 1954 your Public Health Nurse will plan with the local health group as to the health needs of your community and build the program around those needs. One suggested program for your consideration is the school physical examinations which are proving so valuable in other towns. As you know, it is necessary to budget for this in your town's appropriations.

In closing I wish to thank you for your cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EUNICE S. NOLLET

Public Health Nurse

VITAL STATISTICS

Recorded in the Town of China from February 1, 1953 to February 1, 1954
 Number of Births 23, Number of Delayed Records of Births 11, Number of Marriages 24

DEATHS

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Cemetery	Place of Burial	Town
1953							
Feb. 7	Augusta, Me.	Elwood H. Jenkins	89 yrs.	China, Me.	Vault	Augusta, Me.	
Feb. 14	Palermo, Me.	Emma Wallace Furlong	92 yrs.		Vault Branch Mills	China, Me.	
Feb. 16	Lewiston, Me.	Otis Hannon	76 yrs.	Liberty, Me.	Weeks Mills	China, Me.	
Mar. 3	China, Me.	Francis Hoxie Jones	47 yrs.	Waterville, Me.	Dirigo	China, Me.	
Mar. 5	St. Peterburg, Fla.	Arthur Lake Timmons	67 yrs.		Chadwick Hill	China, Me.	
Mar. 8	Waterville, Me.	Annie M. Clark	71 yrs.	China, Me.	Pine Grove	Waterville, Me.	
Mar. 12	Washington, Me.	Ernest Herbert Wellman	73 yrs.		Chadwick Hill	China, Me.	
Mar. 19	South Montville, Me.	Clarence L. Moody	84 yrs.	Windsor, Me.	Chadwick Hill	China, Me.	
Mar. 25	China, Me.	Gerrude Adelaide Dudley	81 yrs.	China, Me.	Chadwick Hill	China, Me.	
Apr. 19	China, Me.	Maudie Amelie Sibley	69 yrs.	China, Me.	Friends	China, Me.	
Apr. 29	China, Me.	Ernest I. Wells	92 yrs.	Hamilton, Mass	China Village	China, Me.	
May 22	Waterville, Me.	Catherine Safarik		Waterville, Me.	Chadwick Hill	China, Me.	
May 24	Dover-Foxcroft, Me.	Charles H. Rollins	92 yrs.	China, Me.	Dover Yard	Dover-Foxcroft, Me.	
May 29	China, Me.	Philip James Fox	20 yrs.	China, Me.	Blue Hill	Braintree, Mass.	
May 29	China, Me.	LeRoy Brock McIntosh	20 yrs.	Cambridge, Mass.	Evergreen	Houlton, Me.	
May 29	China, Me.	Robert James O'Brien	20 yrs.	Houlton, Me.	St. Marys-	Rochester, N. H.	
May 29	China, Me.	James Fuller Ingraham Jr.	21 yrs.	Augusta, Me.	Forest Grove	Augusta, Me.	
May 29	China, Me.	Philip Sulides	20 yrs.	Rockland, Me.	Seaview	Rockland, Me.	
May 29	China, Me.	Arnold Willis Stinson Jr.	20 yrs.	Biddeford, Me.	Arundel	Kennebunkport, Me.	
June 16	China, Me.	Ann Fitch Peterson	3 yrs.	Medford, Mass.		Needham, Mass.	
June 21	China, Me.	Laura Ellen Roberts	83 yrs.	Bethel, Me.	Lakeview	China, Me.	
July 4	China, Me.	Gertrude Frances Osgood	74 yrs.	Rochester, N. Y.	Dale	Ossining, N. Y.	
July 21	Augusta, Me.	Edward Thorne Weeks	74 yrs.	Chelsea, Me.	Deer Hill	China, Me.	
Aug. 12	China, Me.	Clarence O. Glidden	60 yrs.	Jefferson, Me.	Fairview	Jefferson, Me.	
Aug. 20	China, Me.	Nestor Davis	49 yrs.	New York, N. Y.	Bayside	New York, N. Y.	
Aug. 25	China, Me.	Sophie Davis	52 yrs.	Austria	Deer Hill	China, Me.	
Sept. 2	Togus, Me.	George Leander Fuller	58 yrs.	Somerville, Me.	Nichols	No. Vassalboro, Me.	
Oct. 31	China, Me.	Clara Stanley Wiltshire	82 yrs.	China, Me.	Chadwick Hill	China, Me.	
Nov. 28	China, Me.	Stanley L. Cook	53 yrs.	East Blackstone, Mass.	Riverview	Clinton, Me.	
Dec. 20	China, Me.	George Wayland Jones	61 yrs.	Benton, Me.	Evergreen	Portland, Me.	
Dec. 31	Augusta, Me.	Dorothy W. McDowell	59 yrs.	Cornish, Me.	Chadwick Hill	China, Me.	
1954							
Jan. 1	China, Me.	Tressie L. Malcolm	80 yrs.	Palermo, Me.	Chadwick Hill	China, Me.	
Jan. 5	No. Vassalboro, Me.	Elzada V. Rowe	82 yrs.	China, Me.	Chadwick Hill	China, Me.	
Jan. 5	Vassalboro, Me.	Nellie M. Hopkins	80 yrs.	China, Me.	Greeley's Corner	Gorham, Me.	
Jan. 23	China, Me.	Libbybelle Bailey	84 yrs.	Liberty, Me.	Woodlawn	Palermo, Me.	
Jan. 23	China, Me.	William Boyer Auld	69 yrs.	Prince Edward Island, Can.	Westbrook, Me.	Westbrook, Me.	
							MARY A. WASHBURN, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

After due consideration it is the unanimous opinion of the Planning Committee that the town needs to add four classrooms to the present school building. This conclusion was reached after talking with Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Carl B. Lord, the School Committee and the State Board of Education.

Due to the prevailing overcrowded conditions our school children are not getting a proper education. They are deprived of the individual attention considered necessary by today's teaching standards.

The Committee suggests that the town raise \$40,000.00 for an addition to the present school building that will measure 75 feet by 60 feet. This addition could contain four classrooms measuring 32 feet by 24 feet as well as a combined teachers' and clinic room that will measure 10 feet by 24 feet and a storage room of the same size.

The Committee has obtained estimates for this addition that run from \$33,000.00 and \$36,000.00. These estimates include a heating plant sufficient to take care of the whole building, a cement base covered with asphalt tile floor insulation, five 18 inch sinks, (one for each classroom and one for the teachers' and clinic room), and one lavatory and flush.

By paying for this addition over a ten year period it is believed that no increase in the tax rate will be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED L. JOHNSTON, *Chairman*

EDWIN C. KIDDER, *Secretary*

RUDOLPH H. MORAIS

FRANCIS F. FRENCH

Plans were drawn by Winfield Martin, a member of the committee. He is out of town and unable to sign the report.

TREASURER'S WARRANT

1953	No.	Amount	Checks Drawn	Deductions
Feb. 7	1	\$ 2,629.78	\$ 2,505.18	\$ 124.60
20	2	1,101.34	1,005.59	95.75
Mar. 31	3	3,280.97	3,173.02	107.95
April 6	4	794.00	792.10	1.90
13	5	2,660.92	2,643.84	17.08
13	6	1,696.76	1,696.26	.50
27	7	2,179.25	2,063.50	115.75
May 4	8	1,889.57	1,889.57	
25	9	2,248.20	2,134.80	113.40
June 1	10	1,156.43	1,156.43	
15	11	3,435.72	3,304.52	131.20
July 1	12	3,593.37	3,489.52	103.85
28	13	908.26	908.26	
Aug. 6	14	2,555.31	2,555.31	
24	15	1,620.40	1,516.10	104.30
Sept. 7	16	1,404.61	1,328.66	75.95
21	17	1,546.44	1,545.54	.90
28	18	3,103.66	3,027.21	76.45
Oct. 5	19	4,670.63	4,586.98	83.65
15	20	4,042.21	4,026.11	16.10
26	21	1,817.21	1,743.86	73.35
26	22	381.10	381.10	
Nov. 9	23	7,356.03	7,282.68	73.35
23	24	3,067.45	2,994.10	73.35
28	25	113.02	113.02	
Dec. 1	26	9,105.82	9,035.27	70.55
21	27	4,212.91	4,208.41	4.50
29	28	2,475.14	2,401.79	73.35
1954				
Jan. 5	29	4,843.91	4,842.01	1.90
11	30	1,954.00	1,880.05	73.95
18	31	2,708.52	2,630.77	77.75
25	32	7,371.23	7,369.13	2.10
30	33	2,621.21	2,603.71	17.50
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		\$94,545.38	\$92,834.40	\$1,710.98

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Schedule 1

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance as per bank statement January 31, 1954	\$18,765.59
Add Deposits in transit	2,501.85
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	\$21,267.44

Deduct — Checks Outstanding

<i>No.</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Amount</i>
8396	\$ 5.58	9510	\$ 19.00	9543	\$ 9.79
8432	1.60	9511	27.65	9544	26.33
9112	315.00	9513	8.00	9545	175.00
9217	210.00	9515	17.61	9546	65.85
9268	210.00	9516	32.04	9547	185.46
9332	210.00	9517	.77	9548	173.46
9360	1.20	9518	7.25	9549	20.43
9397	210.00	9519	131.19	9550	23.11
9424	5.00	9520	6,232.39	9551	39.29
9430	15.00	9521	38.00	9552	5.22
9433	9.07	9522	41.42	9553	535.78
9447	210.00	9523	60.43	9554	20.09
9450	10.00	9524	16.10	9555	40.89
9473	4.35	9525	16.60	9556	119.25
9474	4.35	9526	34.76	9557	12.72
9476	10.21	9527	17.27	9558	6.96
9478	7.59	9528	13.83	9559	13.39
9479	2.51	9529	1.74	9560	8.70
9481	1.60	9530	306.30	9561	32.87
9486	33.62	9531	11.00	9562	1.74
9490	6.96	9532	8.16	9563	8.70
9492	6.53	9533	10.85	9564	2.61
9495	8.27	9534	133.70	9565	24.47
9501	23.75	9535	8.24	9566	20.00
9502	114.31	9536	9.21	9567	13.00
9504	75.71	9537	9.70	9568	82.79
9505	77.36	9538	11.85	9569	214.78
9506	32.35	9539	21.46	9570	500.00

9507	500.00	9540	6.72	9571	395.00	
9508	210.00	9541	13.44	9572	103.00	
-9509	10.00	9542	88.15			\$12,777.43
Balance Per Check Book and General Ledger						\$ 8,490.01

AUDITOR'S REPORT

February 10, 1954

*Board of Selectmen
Town of China
China, Maine*

Gentlemen:

I have examined the books and records of the Town of China for the year ended January 31, 1954. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and in connection therewith, tested and examined the cash transactions and the accounting records.

In my opinion, the accompanying exhibits and schedules reflect the financial condition of the Town of China at January 31, 1954 and the results of the operations for the municipal year then ended.

I did not confirm the outstanding accounts receivable.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. JOHNSON

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COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET EXHIBIT A

as of January 31, 1954 and January 31, 1953 () Indicates Decrease

<i>Assets</i>	1954 <i>Jan. 31</i>	1953 <i>Jan. 31</i>	<i>Increase or Decrease</i>
Cash in Bank	\$ 8,490.01	\$ 13,538.92	\$ (5,048.91)
Accounts Receivable	5,395.46	3,458.84	1,936.62
Uncollected taxes, 1950	116.05	202.75	(86.70)
Uncollected taxes, 1951	173.64	173.64	
Uncollected taxes, 1952	269.43	551.85	(282.42)
Uncollected taxes, 1953	2,222.38		2,220.38
Tax Liens	1,116.02	858.32	257.70
Equipment "Contra"	16,200.00	16,200.00	
Buildings "Contra"	54,799.84	54,799.84	
Bonded Assets	4,000.00	9,000.00	(5,000.00)
Total Assets	\$92,780.83	\$ 98,784.16	\$ (6,003.33)
Trust Fund Deposits	2,816.80	2,612.17	204.63
Total	\$95,597.63	\$101,396.33	\$ (5,798.70)
<i>Liabilities</i>			
Bonds Payable	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)
Notes Payable		1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Teachers Pension "Deduction"		50.80	(50.80)
Income Tax (withholding)	118.90	93.45	25.45
Reserve Equipment and Building "Contra"	70,999.84	70,999.84	
Reserve for Common Schools	425.43	2,459.81	(2,034.38)
Reserve for Repairs to School Buildings	152.55	197.68	(45.13)
Reserve for text books and Sup- plies	31.84	159.09	(127.25)
Reserve for State Aid Road		118.93	(118.93)
Surplus	17,052.27	14,704.56	2,347.71
Total Liabilities	\$92,780.83	\$ 98,784.16	\$ (6,003.33)
Trust Fund Reserve	2,816.80	2,612.17	204.63
Total	\$95,597.63	\$101,396.33	\$ (5,798.70)

SURPLUS — EXHIBIT B

Balance January 31, 1953.....	\$14,704.56
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Credits

Overlay Account.....	\$ 909.39	
Supplemental Tax.....	675.50	
Excise Taxes.....	5,516.60	
Net receipts from sale of tractor.....	776.50	
Other Miscellaneous Income.....	625.11	
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		\$ 8,503.10
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Total.....		\$23,207.66

Charges

Abatements for year 1953.....	\$ 62.80	
Fire Payroll.....	169.02	
Appropriations.....	4,974.00	
Special unit for State Aid Roads.....	666.00	
Other Miscellaneous Expenses.....	283.57	
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		\$ 6,155.39
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Balance.....		\$17,052.27

APPROPRIATIONS: TOWN OF CHINA, MAINE Year Ending January 31, 1954

EXHIBIT C

Art.	Account	Appropriation	Other credits	Total Available	Expended	Over-drawn	Unexpended Balance	Balances Forward 1954	Net Over-draft
13	Road from Northrup Place to William Thomas	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 498.73	\$	\$ 1.27	\$	\$
14	Road from Bump's Corner to Fred Thurston	500.00		500.00	497.77		2.23		
15	Hanson Road	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,493.41		6.59		
16	Weeks Mills Bridge	800.00		800.00	798.87		1.13		
17	Town Highways and Bridges	5,000.00	\$ 924.68	5,924.68	5,899.12		25.56		
19	Fire Departments	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00				
20	Palermo Fire Department	100.00		100.00	100.00				
22	Common Schools	17,000.00	13,777.64	30,777.64	30,352.21		425.43	425.43	
23	Repairs and Insurance of Schools	2,000.00	197.68	2,197.68	2,045.13		152.55	152.55	
24	Text Books and Supplies	1,500.00	166.67	1,666.67	1,634.83		31.84	31.84	
25	Lunch Program	500.00		500.00	500.00				
26	Support of Poor	1,200.00	28.16	1,228.16	1,221.64		6.52		
28	High School Tuition	10,500.00		10,500.00	10,500.00				
29	Memorial Day	60.00		60.00	60.00				
30	Miscellaneous Expense	100.00	73.17	173.17	1,207.55	\$1,034.38			
30-S	Town Officers				4,132.92	4,132.92			
31	State Aid Road	666.00	784.93	1,450.93	1,332.00		118.93		
32	Interest on Indebtedness	350.00		350.00	341.98		8.02		
33	Public Health	75.00		75.00	75.00				
34	Serum for School Immunization	100.00		100.00	23.83		76.17		
35	Advertising Natural Resources	50.00		50.00	50.00				
37	Discharge of School Building Loan	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00				
39	Street Lights	440.00		440.00	439.20		.80		
40	Blinker Light	45.00		45.00	44.04		.96		
41	Sanding and Snow Removal	4,000.00	1,857.49	5,857.49	5,793.44		64.05		
		\$53,186.00	\$17,810.42	\$70,996.42	\$75,241.67	\$5,167.30	\$922.05	\$609.82	\$4,245.25

TOWN WARRANT

To Leon Plaisted, a Constable in the Town of China, County of Kennebec and State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of China, qualified by law to vote in the town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said Town on Monday, the first day of March, A.D. 1954, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1 — To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2 — To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3 — To choose Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Art. 4 — To choose Assessors for the ensuing year.

Art. 5 — To choose Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 6 — To choose a Collector of Taxes and one or more Constables for the ensuing year.

Art. 7 — To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Art. 8 — To choose a member of the School Committee for a term of three years.

Art. 9 — To see if the Town will vote to have one or more Road Commissioners and, if so, vote to elect and establish pay for the same.

Art. 10 — To choose one or more Fire Wards for the ensuing year.

Art. 11 — To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

Art. 12 — To choose all other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art 13.—To choose a Budget Committee of seven members to recommend amounts to be raised by the different departments for the fiscal year of 1954 and 1955.

Art. 14 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Tylers Corner Road so-called from the Weeks Mills Post Office straight through to the Windsor Line. Budget Committee recommends — \$500.00.

Art. 15 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the road leading from the Crane Place to Young Place. Budget Committee recommends — \$500.00.

Art. 16 — To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for a new culvert or permanent type bridge and approaches suitable for today's needs to replace the old bridge over Starkey brook at China. Budget Committee recommends — \$2,300.00.

Art. 17 — To see what sum of money the Town will raise to continue building road leading from Palermo line to Branch Mills, under the mountain so called. Budget Committee recommends — \$500.00.

Art. 18 — To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repair of Town Highways and Bridges. Budget Committee recommends — \$5,000.00.

Art. 19 — To see what wages the Town will vote to pay for work on Highways. Budget Committee recommends — State Rate.

Art. 20 — To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be divided equally between China Village, Weeks Mills, and South China Fire Departments. Budget Committee recommends — \$1,350.00.

Art. 21 — To see if and how much the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Palermo Fire Department, in consideration of our dependence on them for fire protection in the Branch Mills section of town. Budget Committee recommends — \$100.00.

Art. 22 — To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of Common Schools for the ensuing year. Budget Committee recommends — \$19,000.00.

Art. 23 — To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repairs and insurance of School Buildings for the ensuing year. Budget Committee recommends — \$2,500.00

Art. 24 — To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of textbooks and supplies for the ensuing year. Budget Committee recommends — \$1,500.00.

Art. 25 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Lunch program of the China Elementary School. Budget Committee recommends — \$500.00.

Art. 26 — To see if the Town will vote to build an addition to the China Elementary School. Budget Committee recommends — Leave to Town.

Art. 27 — To see if the Town will vote to have a School Building Committee. Budget Committee recommends — Leave to Town.

Art. 28 — To see what sum the Town will vote to raise for building an addition to the China Elementary School and authorize the selectmen to raise same by Note, Bond, or School Bond. Budget Committee recommends — Leave to Town.

Art. 29 — To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of its poor for the ensuing year. Budget Committee recommends — \$1,200.00.

Art. 30 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Superintending School Committee to make a contract with some High School for the tuition of its scholars qualified by law to attend such schools in accordance with Chapter 19, Section 92, of the Revised Statutes of 1930. Budget Committee recommends — Yes.

Art. 31 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay tuition of the High School Scholars according to law, and if so how much. Budget Committee recommends — \$12,000.00.

Art. 32 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty dollars to be divided equally between the China and South China Posts of the American Legion for the observance of suitable ceremonies on Memorial Day. Budget Committee recommends — \$60.00.

Art. 33 — To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for miscellaneous expense. Budget Committee recommends — \$100.00.

Art. 34 — To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts

regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of sections 25 and 29, Chap. 20, R.S. 1944 as amended. Budget Committee recommends — (2 units, \$666.00 each) \$1,332.00.

Art. 35 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay interest on its indebtedness. Budget Committee recommends — \$200.00.

Art. 36 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75.00 for Public Health work in the Town, said sum to be expended by the Bureau of Health, State Department of Health and Welfare, in cooperation with local authorities. Budget Committee recommends \$75.00.

Art. 37 — To see what sum of Money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for serum for school immunization clinics, said sum to be expended by the Health Council of the Town. Budget Committee recommends — \$100.00.

Art. 38 — To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for advertising our Natural Resources, advantages and attractions. Budget Committee recommends — \$50.00.

Art. 39 — To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in the control of the White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with Revised Statutes, Chap. 32, Sec. 54. Budget Committee recommends — Pass over.

Art. 40 — To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to discharge a portion of its indebtedness on the School Building Loan. Budget Committee recommends — \$4,000.00.

Art. 41 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of Street Lights in Town. Budget Committee recommends — \$440.00.

Art. 42 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Blinker Light at South China. Budget Committee recommends — \$45.00.

Art. 43 — To see what action the Town will take in regard to sanding and snow removal and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same. Budget Committee recommends — \$3,000.00.

Art. 44 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to charge interest on tax liens. Budget Committee recommends — Yes.

Art. 45 — To see if the Town will vote to change date of Town Meeting from 1st Monday in March to the first Saturday in March. Budget Committee recommends — Leave to Town.

Art. 46 — To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a safe to hold Town records to be used by Town Clerk. Budget Committee recommends — Leave to Town.

Art. 47 — To see if the Town will grant the School Committee a substantial increase in pay for their services. Budget Committee recommends — \$30.00.

Art. 48 — To see whether the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction only, any property owned by the Town by matured liens, of which the Selectmen may in their discretion see fit to dispose of. Budget Committee recommends — Yes.

Art. 49 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purposes of paying indebtedness of the town, such notes to be paid during the current municipal year out of money raised during said municipal year of taxes. A sum not to exceed \$10,000.00. Budget Committee recommends — Yes.

Art. 50 — To see what action, if any, the Town will take in providing and maintaining a Town Dump and to raise and appropriate what sum for same. Budget Committee recommends — Leave to Town.

Art. 51 — To see if the Town will vote to accept \$200.00 from Mrs. E. Mae Carvell, the interest to be used for the perpetual care of the Sibley lot in the South China Cemetery.

Art. 52 — To see if the Town will vote to accept \$200.00 from George and Alice St. John, the interest to be used for the perpetual care of the Dudley lot in the cemetery at Dirigo.

Art. 53 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 toward the repair of the fish screen at the outlet of the lake. Budget Committee recommends — Hold over for further study.

Art. 54 — To transact any other business which may lawfully come before the meeting.

Hereof fail not and have you this warrant with your doings thereon.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Town House at 8 o'clock on the day of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hand this thirteenth day of February A.D. 1954.

MANLEY A. TIBBETTS
GEORGE A. STARKEY
PHILIP N. TABER

Attest:

Constable

8/4/2008

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